Restoring Titlow Park Through Invasive and Native Plant Management

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Titlow Beach Park's native plant life, like that of many other ecosystems, is being outcompeted by invasive species. This alters Titlow's unique habitat structure, impacting the biodiversity and livelihood of the organisms that live there. Ecological restoration is essential to mitigate the negative impacts caused by invasive plants as well as climate change and urban development. The objective of this project was to improve site conditions by promoting native plant species through invasive plant removal and detailed planning. We worked with Metro Parks and the University of Washington Tacoma faculty to create a detailed site assessment, work plan, and planting plan. Once the documents were approved, we implemented our plans at the worksite and finished by providing Metro Parks with a stewardship plan to ensure the long-term success of our work. We successfully planted 280 native plants in place of the invasive species that once were there. This project created a pathway for us to teach volunteers how to perform restoration work and its importance, strengthening their relationship with nature and influencing the stewards of tomorrow.